Pilot Tells Of Quiz on JFK Plot

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 18 (AP)—The operator of a New Orleans flying service who was in Texas in November 1963, has undergone questioning here in connection with a renewed investigation into the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, the New Orleans States-Item said in a copyright story today.

The newspaper quoted the pilot, David William Ferrie, as saying that the District Attorney's office here told him it had "positively uncovered a plot in New Orleans to assassinate Kennedy."

Ferrie was intensely interrogated by the District Attorney's office in 1963 following the assassination, the newspaper said, and talked also to the FBI and Secret Service.

Ferrie recently was served with a subpoena to appear before the Orleans Parish grand jury. "I couldn't figure out what it was all about," the newspaper quoted Ferrie as

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saying. It said he gave the following account:

When he appeared for the grand jury call last November, he was intercepted at the door and requested to go to the office of Ray Ward, first assistant to Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison.

There, Chief Investigator Louis Ivon and John Volz, a trial assistant, told him that he wanted to ask "a few questions about 1963, and asked for a full recounting of all his activities duirng the week when Kennedy was killed.

Ferrie said he couldn't remember the events of that week, and asked if he could obtain a copy of the statement he gave the FBI immediately after the assassination.

Ferrie said that was the last he heard of the matter until "friends and acquaintances began calling me saying that they had been questioned and, among other things, questioned about me."

WENT TO TEXAS

He said he and two friends went to Texas in November 1963, for relaxation after he had completed a job of investigative work for a local attorney on a federal court case.

"We went to Houston, Galveston and then back to Alexandria, La., the newspaper quoted Ferrie as saying.

The pilot denies knowing Lee Harvey Oswald, the man identified by the Warren Commission as the assassin. Asked if he thought Oswald had an accomplice, Ferrie said:

"I believe it would be fruitless to look for an accomplice."

Garrison said "it's very possible" when asked if he is spearheading the new probe into the assassination.